

## THE VOICE OF BUSINESS MEN.

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### A PROTEST AGAINST MACHINE ATTACK ON M'KINLEY.

FULL CONFIDENCE IN HIS SOUNDNESS ON  
NANCE—VIEWS OF BANKERS, MERCHANTS  
AND MANUFACTURERS IN CITIES OF  
THIS STATE—THEY TESTIFY

TO THEIR OPINIONS  
BY THEIR SIG-  
NATURES.

The absurd effort of the Platt machine to make it appear that the financial and business men of this State were in a panic over McKinley's record has naturally aroused great indignation on the part of the friends of the leading Presidential candidate and reputable people generally. This resentment has assumed various forms. Warner Miller has expressed it, and other leading members of the party have echoed it; and there is no doubt that it has done far more to help McKinley's campaign than to injure his prospects.

For the purpose of ascertaining the precise feeling of the business men of this State on this question the McKinley League of the State of New-York caused a protest to the National Committee to be sent in from various important centres of the State. This protest has been circulated for the last few days in this city, Brooklyn and the other large cities of the State, and responses to it are coming in every day.

It will be noticed that these protests are not confined to men who have been identified with Mr. McKinley's canvass. Cornelius N. Biles, for example, is a strong supporter of Governor Morton. City Chamberlain McCook is also a Morton delegate; so is Colonel Cruger. Mayor Strong has been for Mr. Morton's nomination from the beginning, but he feels, as do most Republicans, that the attack on Mr. McKinley has been utterly unwarranted and indefensible.

Among those on the Buffalo circular will be noticed the name of State Controller James A. Roberts, who was and always has been a strong advocate of Mr. Morton's nomination. The Birmingham list is unusually strong; so is that of Yonkers, Brooklyn and Buffalo. In Syracuse every prominent banking man, with the exception of Francis Hendricks, Platt's representative

In Onondaga County, signed the paper. The New-York names speak for themselves. It is only fair to say in behalf of New-York that there are hundreds more of the merchants and financiers who would be glad to sign the list, but there was not time to look them up.

The business men of New-York, whom Mr. Platt and his Democratic newspaper friends thought to arouse, have not responded to the call. They are perfectly satisfied that Mr. McCall is as good as dead, just as good as

Kinley's financial record is thus the record of a man of the Republican party. The dominant sentiment in mercantile and financial circles to-day regarding the attack on the leading Presidential candidate is, as the Messrs. Seligman declared the other day, "wholly unequalled for and unwarranted." The views of the Seligmans are those of the leading financiers of the metropolis. John A. Stewart is averse to talking for publication, but it can be said that Mr. Stewart will be satisfied.

lashed with McKinley's nomination, and it can also be said that before J. Pierpont Morgan sailed for Europe he expressed himself to a friend as being perfectly satisfied to support either Benjamin Harrison or William McKinley. There is not a corporal's guard of honest dis-

There is not a dispossessed interested Republican financier in New-York who are worrying over Mr. McKinley's views on the money question. Men who are shouting the loudest are Democrats, Tammany men and followers of Platt, and nothing that Mr. McKinley could say or do would alter their opinion in the slightest degree.

"Is Major McKinley, in your judgment, as sound as Reed, Allison or Morton on the currency question?"

rency?" a Tribune reporter asked James Seligman last Friday.

"There is no doubt about it," was the prompt reply, "and I am in hearty sympathy with the movement in favor of his nomination."

More emphatic still is the following circular

which was sent to the Republican National Committee, and is similar to others that have been circulated throughout the State by the McKinley League:

FROM NEW-YORK BUSINESS MEN.

Gentlemen: Your attention is respectfully called by the undersigned Republican voters of New-York to the efforts that are being made here to disparage the candidacy of Mr. McKinley by asserting that he is unsound on the money question, and consequently an unsafe man to elect President. Such assertions we believe to be wholly unwarranted. Mr. McKinley, in our judgment, is as sound of finance as any gentleman whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Presidency, and, if elected, would prove entirely satisfactory to the business

We say this not because of any desire to influence the convention unduly in his favor—some of us, in fact, are pledged to support other candidates—but to place before you, the highest council of the party organization, our protest against the unfair attacks that have been made upon a worthy and honored leader of the party. It is not in the interest of fair play, it is not in the interest of the Re-

publican party, it is not in the interest of the country to permit such attacks as have been made upon Mr. McKinley to go unrebuked. His distinguished services entitle him, at least, to just, if not considerate, treatment. Respectfully yours,

THOMAS L. JAMES,	M. C. D. BORDEN,
EDWIN EINSTEIN,	THOMAS B. ODELL,
RUSSELL SAGE,	CORNELIUS N. BLISS,
W. M. WYON,	JOHN CLAFIN.

JAMES G. ANSON,  
J. SEAYER PAGE,  
FREDERICK MEAD,  
W. L. STRONG,  
HENRY CLEWS,  
SAMUEL THOMAS,  
E. O. LEECH,  
New-York, May 15, 1896.

Nearly all of the Republican bankers in Brooklyn who were asked to sign the circular did so with pleasure, but many of the financial men of that city were out of town or could not be found to the time at the disposal of the com-

HUBERT G. TAYLOR, County Treasurer of Kings  
and Treasurer of city of Brooklyn.  
WILLIAM H. HAZZARD, president Fulton Bank.  
JAMES GASCOINE, president People's Bank.

C. H. TIEBUT, president North Side Bank.  
EUGENE F. BARNES, treasurer East Brooklyn Savings Bank.  
JUDGE GEORGE B. REYNOLDS, counsel to large financial interests.  
CHESTER B. LAWRENCE, Lawrence, Sons & Gerrish, warehouse men.

Among other financiers for McKinley are Daniel R. James, president East Brooklyn Savings Bank, and Howard M. Smith, vice-president Bedford Bank. These have expressed to Mr. Fitch their sympathy with the movement.

In Yonkers, where a committee of the McKinley League had opportunity to see nearly all of the Republican bankers and business men, the circular was signed by the following:

JOHN T. WARING, director in the First National

Bank, and president of the Waring Hat Manufacturing Company, the largest hat factory in the world. He employs over 1,000 hands the year round.

GEORGE B. WRAY, wholesale and retail druggist, Health Commissioner, and manufacturer of proprietary articles.

CHARLES E. WARING, president Citizens' Na-

E. J. ELTING, director in the Citizens' National Bank.

H. J. ANDRUS, a director in the Citizens' National Bank and vice-president of the Palleade Manufacturing Company.

PETER J. ELTING, vice-president Citizens' National Bank.

EX-MAYOR JAMES H. WELLER, trustee Yonkers Savings Bank, and drygoods merchant.  
NORTON P. OTIS, president of the Otis Passenger Elevator Works, and Otis Electric Manufactur-